



Mary Elizabeth Fisher (1947 – 2020)

My dearest friend, lover and life partner of 48 years has died from cancer. She passed into the arms of the Great Mother on September 25th. Her laughter, brilliance, compassion, & intellectual curiosity were her gifts. Her contributions to Women's Spirituality are part of her legacy. As are her ardent multi-cultural and anti-racism efforts.



Elizabeth was in her 73rd year when she took flight. She explored ancient goddesses, Earth-based spirituality, and women's human rights. She upheld the mystery and the magic heritage of her Croatian and Scot-Irish (Celtic) ancestors. She worked for 20 years as a professional editor, attaining a Certificate in Publishing from the University of California. She was a lifelong writer leaving behind over 60 personal journals, a draft of a novel, dozens of project notebooks, and scores of astrological examinations. She created and curated three websites.

Elizabeth was born in Ohio, graduated from the University of Michigan majoring in Psychology, and came to California when she was 23 years old. She had a beautiful singing voice. She created picture books about animal spirit guides and a myriad of other topics. In the 1980s she silk-embroidered a 5-toed Chinese dragon on the back of her blue jean jacket and wore it around Berkeley. She was an avid pencil colorist and loved to visit museums and parks. She traveled to Malta, China, Turkey, England and Canada.

Elizabeth's parents were union leaders and she was a proud Democrat. She was influential in the Sanctuary Movement giving voice to the voiceless and protecting those fleeing from persecution in Central America. She promoted the early suffragist, abolitionist and free thinker Matilda Joslyn Gage and the feminist utopia of the Land of Oz. She authored the educational curriculum *Rise Up & Call Her Name*, *Rainbows at the Crossroads*, *Women's Rights Are Human Rights*, *Lilith and the Green Man*, and *The Circle Model of Shared Leadership*, plus numerous essays, columns, and articles.

Love forever, Robert Fisher, Pacific Grove, California erfisher@lmi.net